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In Re: the Application of:

SCHULZE, JR.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 15, 2002 regarding the
above-identified U.S. Patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject contained therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 10-14, 18, 19, 24-29 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for handling coupons, comprising:

redeeming at a first location a plurality of input coupons including at least first and
second input coupons during a first time interval using a main computer system including
a first coupon input device;

5 transporting to a second location a plurality of verifying coupons to an auxiliary
computer system including an auxiliary coupon input device, said verifying coupons being
the same as said input coupons when said redeeming step is properly conducted, said
transporting step being conducted within five days of said redeeming step;

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